

**STORAGE CAPACITY INDICATOR FOR REMOVABLE MASS STORAGE  
DEVICE**

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

5           A mass storage device, such as a removable hard disk, stores data and has  
an overall storage capacity. The mass storage device includes a panel on which a  
capacity indicator is positioned, and the capacity indicator displays either a used  
storage capacity or a free storage capacity of the mass storage device, or displays  
both free and used storage capacities of the mass storage device. The capacity  
10 indicator may be, for example, one or more light emitting diodes (LEDs), or may be  
an LED or liquid crystal display indicating percentage of the overall storage capacity  
of the mass storage device that is used, available, or both. A capacity-update  
program executing on a computer system of which the mass storage device is a  
part can update the storage capacity information being displayed, or suitable  
15 circuitry or a program within the device itself can update such information.